

AL-III-B-012

DAVIS FRAME HOUSE
½ mile south of Route 51
Spring Gap
Late 1800's

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Davis Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Near C & O Canal

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

STATE

Maryland

sixth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

Allegany

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lester Ritchie

Telephone #: 724 - 2749

STREET & NUMBER

Spring Gap

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

Liber #: 443

Folio #: 423

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Davis Frame House is located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Route 51 in Spring Gap also near the C & O Canal. It's a two story "L" shaped facade, three bays wide, and is supported by a low stone foundation. The water table is plain between the foundation and the clapboarded walls. The windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights displaying cornices and architrave trim. Replaced asphalt shingles cover the gable flank roof. A now deteriorated front end porch with a shed roof is present. A verticle paneled door with original hardware lies behind the piles of rubbish on the front porch. The structure features one original corbeled brick chimney located to the interior.

The original construction materials, except for the roofing, are still present. Although the house as a whole may be described as being in fair condition, the front must be called deteriorated.

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Davis Frame House was built around the late 1800's as a residence and farmhouse. Just 100 yards southeast of the house, crossing the abandoned Western Maryland Railroad line, lies the Fisher Farmhouse. Both plots of land trace back to the same owners; predominantly the Little family.

The house is a typical "L" shaped structure covered by weatherboarding. It is presently not used for any particular purpose, and has been left to weather. The National Park Service (for the C & O Canal) now owns most of the land around the Davis Frame House, including the Fisher Farmhouse.

Across the road that runs in front of the house lies a tool shed for farm equipment. The shed itself is one story tall and one bay wide with a gabled roof and a verticle board frame. It's in poor shape, but still has many of the farming tools.

The Davis Frame House is typical of the many farmhouses found in Allegany County, particularly because of its frame "L" shaped construction.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15.98 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Steve Beale, Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

CITY OR TOWN

Lavale

DATE

9/1/76

TELEPHONE

777-8991

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE SEARCH

Davis Frame House
Off Route 51
Spring Gap
AL-III-B-12

Allegany County Deed, Liber 443, Folio 423
grantee: Lester C. Ritchie
grantor: Bertha M. Davis
January 30, 1971

Allegany County Deed, Liber 190, Folio 410
grantee: Bertha M. Davis
grantor: Mary L. Davis
July 1, 1941

Allegany County Deed, Liber 103, Folio 56
grantee: Mary L. Davis
grantor: Margaret R. Fisher
January 7, 1908

Allegany County Deed, Liber 59, Folio 626
grantee: Margaret R. Little (who later married Charles J. Fisher)
grantor: Hiram Little et. al.
March 31, 1883
Consideration: \$87.50

Allegany County Deed, Liber 59, Folio 618
grantee: Hiram Little
grantor: Amos Davis & others
March 31, 1883

Allegany County Deed, Liber 16, Folio 370
grantee: Charles Little (Later willed property to Sarah Little, his daughter
who married Amos Davis)
grantor: Solomon Alkire et. al.
July 11, 1857
Consideration: \$3,506.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber N, Folio 511
grantee: Peter Alkire
grantor: Daniel Fetter, (Executor of Jacob Lapp)
April 13, 1827
Consideration: \$2,200.00

INVENTORY NO. A1-111-B-12

443-423

DATE: 8/26/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

DAVIS FRAME HOUSE

15.98 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY:

Near C+O Canal in Spring Gap

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

EAST

NAME OF OWNER:

Lester Ritchie724-2749

ADDRESS:

SAME AS ABOVESTORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) L SHAPED

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

PLAINFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Cornice
Architrave pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior (☒)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - NONE

Significance -

Date Constructed - late 1800'sCondition - DETERIORATED



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North Branch

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Davis Frame House

South of Rt. 51

Betzel Tabernacle

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

1:24,000

1949



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John Nelson

8/24/76

Northeast



Davis Frame House

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Near C+O Canal, Spring Gap

John Nelson

8/26/76

West



Davis Frame House - Tool Shed

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Near C+O canal, Spring Gap

John Nelson

8/24/76

Northeast